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Man dons hate-group garb to protest murders

PHILADELPHIA. Those who noticed a man standing on the median of North Broad and Vine streets during yesterday's rush-hour commute decked out in a white robe and pointed hood can rest assured — he's in no way a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

"I'm protesting black-on-black murder," said Sixx King, who is himself black.

King is the director of documentary "Mothers of No Tomorrow," a film that chronicles the ordeal faced by those who have lost children to violent crime. He donned the controversial hate-group garb to make a statement.

PHOTOS: ALEX WIGGLESWORTH/METRO

▶ King hoped to make a statement by donning a KKK outfit during yesterday's morning commute.

▶ His sign

"I'm making a stance that the number of African-Americans killed have surpassed the number of victims in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars," he said. "And African-Americans have killed more of their own people than the KKK."

He waved a sign emblazoned with a graphic of a semi-automatic rifle and the text, "The KKK killed 3,446 blacks in 86 years. Black on black murders surpass that number every 6 months." Though most pedestrians seemed nonplussed, at least a few of them — who did not grasp his intent — had choice words for King. "You'll burn soon enough," one woman said as she crossed the street. "You'll burn in hell." METRO/AW

In the news

Man shot to death on North Philly street

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police are working to identify a man who was killed shortly before 3:30 a.m. yesterday morning. The victim, a man believed to be in his late 20s, was shot once in the chest and once in the head near 17th Street and Lehigh Avenue. He was rushed to Temple University Hospital, where he died a short time later. There is no word on a motive, and no arrests were made yesterday. METRO

Local tweet

"Well if it isn't my arch nemesis the septa bus #septa."

@DEATSY SEEMED TO HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT HER BUS'S ARRIVAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Corbett's proposed budget angers officials, overlooks cities, some advocates say

Gov. Tom Corbett rolled out his annual budget proposal yesterday, and officials on both sides of the political aisle were displeased.

"Democrats are railing against it, passionately railing against it," said pollster G. Terry Madonna.

He said a particularly heated debate was sparked by Corbett's refusal to accept federal monies to expand Medicaid coverage to an estimated 500,000 Pennsylvanians who make too much to receive aid under current law but can't afford private insurance.

"Republicans are not sure about the privatization of the liquor control system," Madonna continued. "And some of them have raised questions about the lottery management privatization."

Activists closer to home worried about education and social services, whose proposed funding largely relies on pension-plan cuts and one-time windfalls, while at the same time is undermined by a large package of corporate tax cuts.

"Our city really is hurting in terms of funding, if you look at our schools, if you look at what's happening with our public services," said Gwen Snyder of Jobs with Justice. "Gov. Corbett is starving our city in the sense that we need for our children to succeed and for our economy to recover."

Though he increased funding for state police and some victim assistance programs, Corbett also failed to earmark funds to address many of the public safety issues facing cities — namely gun violence.

"We're not surprised," Shira Goodman of CeaseFirePa said. "He has been on record saying that we don't really need gun laws, and this is not the time for new policy, but we were hoping that he would decide to address that in the wake of the national attention that's been brought."

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▶ Corbett last week announced his plan to privatize Pennslyvania's liquor control system.

Alex Wigglesworth *and* **Tommy Rowan**

Pennsylvanians take to Twitter

"Probably won't see any of my pension, but hey, at least I will be able to buy booze at the grocery store."
@EMMALEE_SF

"Corbett is smart. get rid of all 600 state owned liquor stores so the state doesnt have to pay to run them."
@SUMWHERE_LIFTED

500K People in Penn. make too much to receive aid yet can't afford private insurance

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ The state Capitol

Voters unlikely to be swayed

Madonna said that Corbett's plan came as no surprise and is unlikely to sway voters during the governor's 2014 reelection bid.

"There isn't anything that voters are going to latch onto and say, 'Uh-oh, this is something really bad or something really great,'" Madonna said. "This was expected."

He noted that plans for liquor privatization were announced at a series of press conferences prior to the address, while pension and infrastructure reforms were much hinted at.

Madonna said he's not confident the budget will affect Corbett's approval rating, which currently hovers around a dismal 36 percent.

"It's at a historic low level for a governor," he said. "I think he needs to vigorously sell this agenda. He's doing a bit better at that and conducting a lot more visits, but he needs to really get a handle on this agenda here."

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'The Mountaintop' pulls no punches in portrayal of MLK Jr.

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▶ A scene from Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop"

The Philadelphia Theater Company, which is running "The Mountaintop" until Feb. 17, had two reasons to celebrate on Sunday — the theater's labor struggles were over after striking members of stagehands union Local 8 signed three-year contracts, and dynamic playwright Katori Hall participated in a post-performance question-and-answer session with theater critic Howard Sherman.

Hall said she always wanted to tell stories but initially took acting classes. "When my ... teacher assigned me and my partner, who was another single black woman, to do a scene that was like us, we could not find anything at the library," she said. "We considered 'Raisin in the Sun,' but neither of us wanted to play Mama. So I decided to write plays that I and my friends could appear in."

"The Mountaintop" imagines the last night before Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. The civil rights icon is depicted as a flawed hero, one who smokes and curses.

The play challenges spiritual stereotypes and displays the chauvinism of the early civil rights movement. "When the play was first produced in London, it was the portrayal of God as a black woman, not the depiction of King that caused people to walk out of the play," Hall said.

Still, the King family objected to Hall's characterization of their loved one. "[King's youngest daughter Bernice] said, 'Daddy did not talk like that or smoke,'" said Hall, adding that she did not casually chisel away at King's legend.

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TV on her own terms

Hall, 31, has had four world premieres of her plays this year.

"It was like I had four babies in nine months," she said. "People do not realize that I have been working steadily for six years for this to happen."

▶ Hall

Hall, who said she has considered writing for television but "will only do it on her own terms," shopped the play to both HBO and Showtime.

"They told me it is an important story," she said. "We would consider doing it if we did important stories."

Quoted

"I wanted people to see that their hero was flawed so that they can find the hero in themselves." HALL

News in brief

Sponsor steps up for Philly Cycling Classic

PHILADELPHIA. National mortgage lender New Penn Financial yesterday announced their sponsorship of the Philly Cycling Classic, the bike race created by Congressman Bob Brady after financial issues canceled the International Cycling Championship.

"We not only want to build a great Philly-based company, but we also want to make a real difference in the communities where we live," Jeff Frutkin of the Plymouth Meeting-headquartered New Penn Financial said in a statement.

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▶ Make way for the Philly Cycling Classic.

The company said the race has been scheduled for June 2. The course, which will still include a climb of the Manayunk Wall, will be shorter and faster than the 124-mile International Cycling route, and spectators will be closer to the action.

"Cities across the country establish signature events, like the Boston Marathon, that boost visibility and reputation and bring business to the region," said New Penn Financial CEO Jerry Schiano. The company is the first to commit to financial sponsorship of the event, which they say is part of their ongoing dedication to Philadelphia.

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In the news

Obama urges short-term deal to delay cuts

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama yesterday urged Congress to pass a small package of spending cuts and tax reforms to delay larger, automatic cuts from going into effect and damaging the economy on March 1.

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His proposal was quickly rebuffed by Republican leaders, who rejected the suggestion of tax increases after agreeing to raise rates for top U.S. earners earlier this year. **REUTERS**

Bulgaria blames Hezbollah for tourist attack

SOFIA. Bulgaria accused Lebanese militant movement Hezbollah of carrying out a bomb attack on a bus in the city of Burgas that killed five Israeli tourists last year.

The conclusions of the Bulgarian investigation, citing a clear connection to an attack on European Union soil, might open the way for the EU to join the United States in branding the Iranian-backed Hezbollah a terrorist organization.

Three people were involved in the attack, two of whom had genuine passports from Australia and Canada. **REUTERS**

US: Patchy intel is no bar to strikes on terrorists

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▶Targeted killings, carried out by remotely piloted unmanned aircraft, are controversial because of the risks to nearby civilians and because of their increasing use.

The government has authorized the killing of American citizens as part of its controversial drone campaign against al Qaeda even without intelligence that such Americans are actively plotting to attack a U.S. target, according to a Justice Department memo.

The unclassified memo, first obtained by NBC News, argues that drone strikes are justified under American law if a targeted U.S. citizen had "recently" been involved in "activities" posing a possible threat and provided that there is no evidence suggesting the individual "renounced or abandoned" such activities.

The document was disclosed as a bipartisan group of U.S. senators called on the Obama administration to release to Congress "any and all" legal opinions laying out the government's understanding of what legal powers the president has to deliberately kill American citizens.

The senators who signed the letter, including members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the administration's cooperation would "help avoid unnecessary confrontation that could affect the Senate's consideration of nominees for national security purposes."

Obama has nominated John Brennan, his White House counterterrorism adviser, who defends drone strikes, to lead the CIA.

An Intelligence Committee confirmation hearing on the nomination is scheduled for tomorrow, and Brennan is likely to face questioning on drone policy.

One national security official said the leak of the Justice Department memo may have been timed to blunt such congressional demands for the release of additional, possibly classified, documents relating to the U.S. use of drones. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"These strikes are legal. They are ethical and they are wise."

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JAY CARNEY

Chair calls for advice on drone killings

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the Democrat who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, in a statement yesterday said she had been calling on the administration for more than a year to release legal analyses related to the use of drones.

Feinstein said the document published by NBC had been given to congressional committees last June on a confidential basis, and that her committee is seeking additional documents, which are believed to remain classified.

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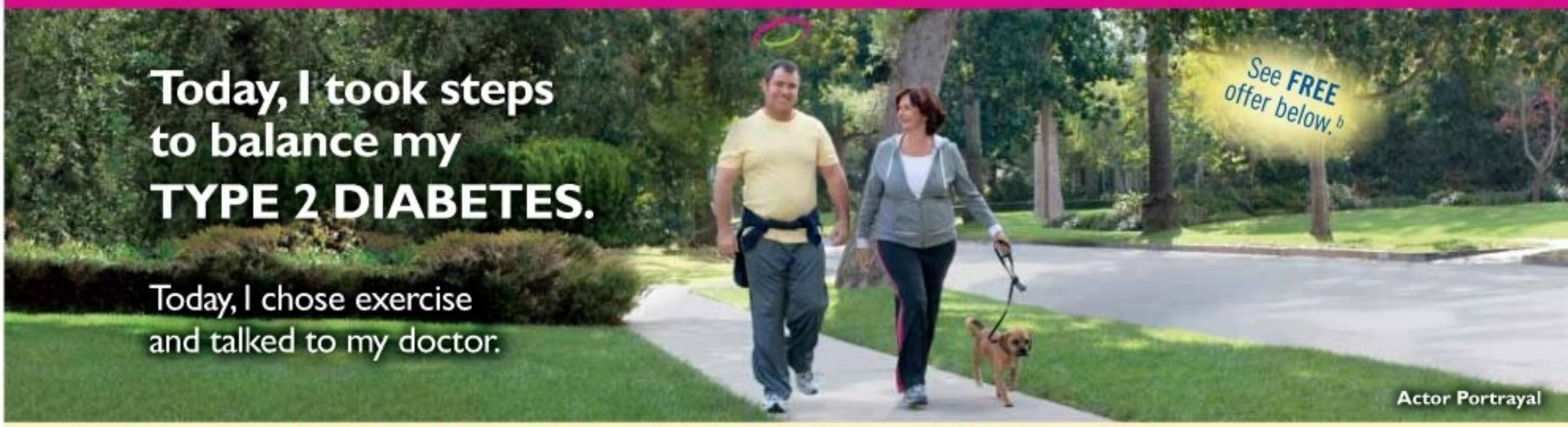
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Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heartbeat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

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Medication Guide

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Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

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- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Take JANUVIA tablets whole. Do not split, crush, or chew JANUVIA tablets before swallowing. If you cannot swallow JANUVIA tablets whole tell your doctor.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
  - drowsiness
  - weakness
  - dizziness
  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems,** sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

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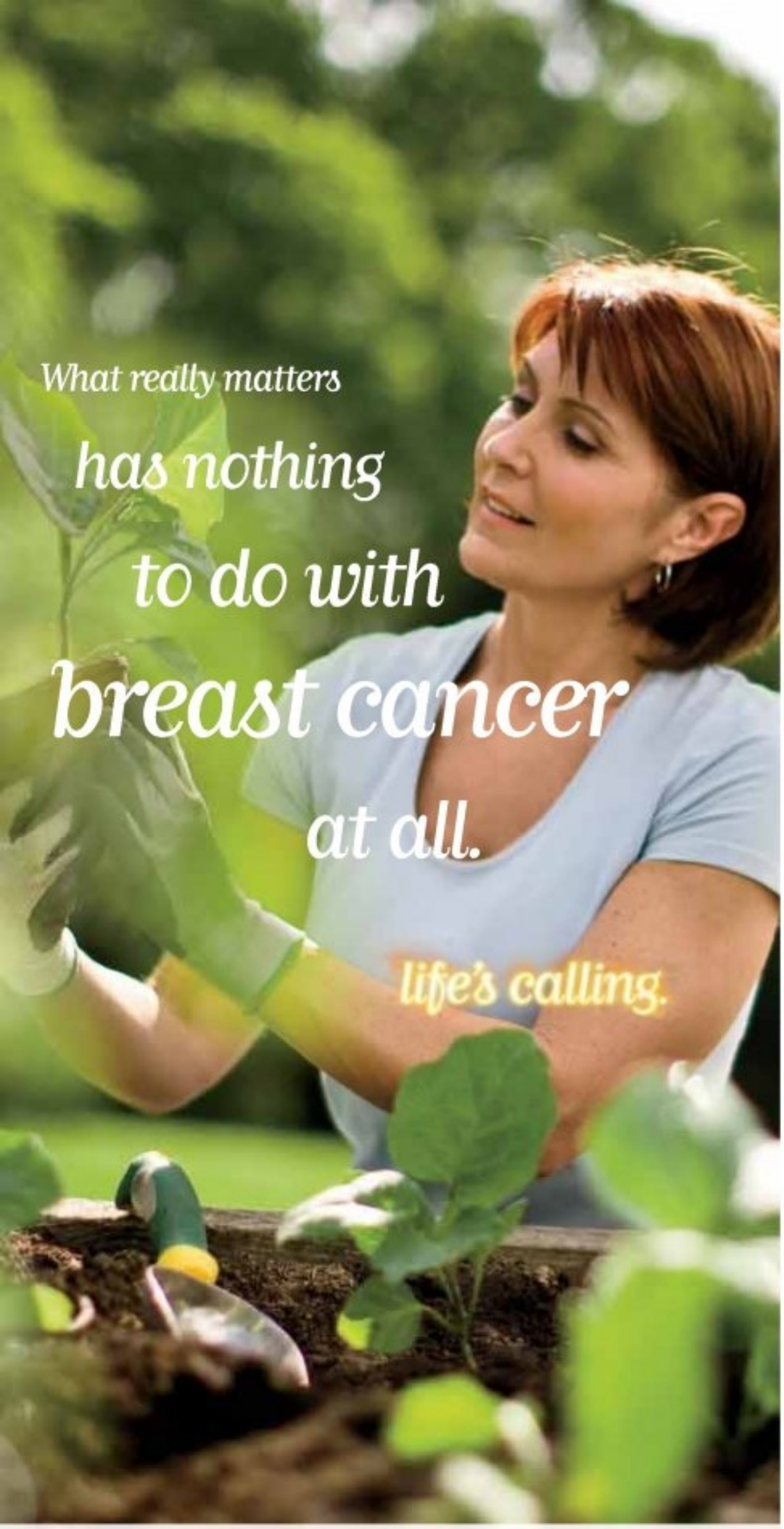

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You may never be forgiven for ending Facebook friendships

It may not be personal, but it hits vulnerable users hard Reasons for drops include issues such as friends' 'frequent, unimportant posts'

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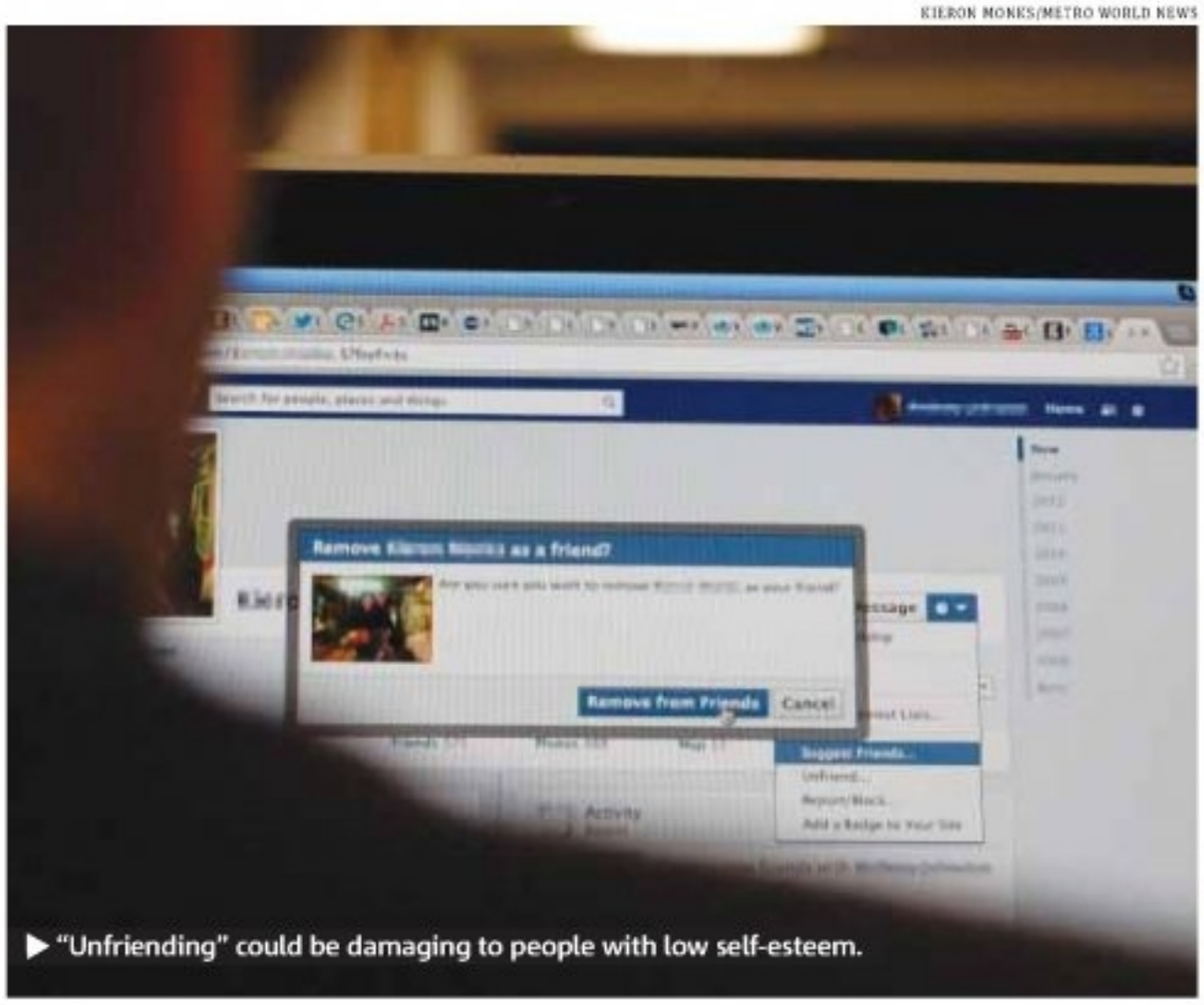

▶ "Unfriending" could be damaging to people with low self-esteem.

If you want to trim your list of Facebook contacts, think twice before hitting "unfriend." The person may never forgive you, according to a new academic study.

About 40 percent of people would avoid seeing someone in real life who had unfriended them, with 10 percent unsure. A higher ratio of women said they would avoid contact than men. The study also found that the likeliest determining factor for a decision to avoid someone was if the unfriending had been discussed with other people.

"People think social networks are just for fun," said study author Christopher Sibona, a Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado Denver Business School. "But the study makes clear that unfriending is meaningful and has important psychological consequences for those to whom it occurs." Social networks are especially attractive to narcissists and people with low self-esteem, but they are vulnerable. "Unfriending could damage people with anxiety and confidence issues," said Dr. Gregory Webster, psychologist and social media expert at the University of Florida. "These networks can distort reality, particularly if you don't have much of a social life in the real world."

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10%
About 10 percent weren't sure they could approach a person after the Facebook friendship ends.

"The study makes clear that unfriending is meaningful and has important psychological consequences for those to whom it occurs." SIBONA

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Reasons for unfriending

Sibona had also researched causes of unfriending in a 2010 study.

Leading factors were "frequent, unimportant posts," such as ones about children or family, and controversial posts on politics or religion. But Webster believes unfriending is also for "public presentation and wanting to appear very selective about our social set."

Given the looser ties of virtual friendships, almost every user faces being unfriended at some point.

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No delay in Trayvon Martin killing trial

A Florida judge yesterday rejected a bid by George Zimmerman to delay his June trial for the murder of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, whom he shot and killed a year ago this month.

"I don't see any of your issues as insurmountable," Seminole County Circuit Court Judge Debra Nelson told the court yesterday in denying a motion by Zimmerman's lawyer, Mark O'Mara, for a continuance in the racially charged trial.

Before ruling, Nelson noted she had set aside several full days of court time for Zimmerman's defense attorneys and prosecutors to bring issues before the court, but most of that time had gone unused.

She also said O'Mara had been working on Zimmerman's defense since April 2012 and still has another four months to prepare for the June 10 trial. **REUTERS**

Charged over cards

Credit card fraud ends in 18 arrests

U.S. prosecutors yesterday charged 18 people with fraud for allegedly creating and using thousands of fake identities to ring up hundreds of millions of dollars in credit card purchases.

The 18 people were the ringleaders of a massive credit card fraud scheme that lasted nearly 10 years, according to a criminal complaint. The FBI was in the processing of making arrests yesterday morning. The 18 people were located in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. **REUTERS**

▶ Why yes, my name is ... Ima Fay K. Eyedee.

Dell of a lifetime

Dell taking company private

Michael Dell will take Dell Inc. private for $24.4 billion in the biggest leveraged buyout since the financial crisis, a deal that allows the billionaire CEO to revive the fortunes of his computer company without Wall Street scrutiny.

The deal is financed with cash and equity from Michael Dell, cash from private equity firm Silver Lake and a $2 billion loan from Microsoft Corp. It will end a rocky 24-year run on public markets for the company. **REUTERS**

Big Brother sees all

FBI camera watched Ala. hostage-taker

Authorities used a hidden camera to watch a man holding a boy hostage in an underground bunker in rural Alabama and moved in to rescue the child after the suspect was seen holding a gun, according to news reports yesterday. The nearly weeklong standoff with Jimmy Lee Dykes, 65, began after he gunned down a school-bus driver and snatched the boy. It ended on Monday with Dykes' death and the safe recovery of the kindergarten student. **REUTERS**

▶ Eye in the sky ... or in a bunker

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US sues S&P for 'fraud'

The government is seeking $5 billion in its civil lawsuit against Standard & Poor's, accusing the ratings service of defrauding investors, in one of the most ambitious cases yet from the Justice Department over conduct tied to the financial crisis.

The U.S. said S&P inflated ratings and understated risks associated with mortgage securities, driven by a desire to gain more business from the investment banks that issued those securities.

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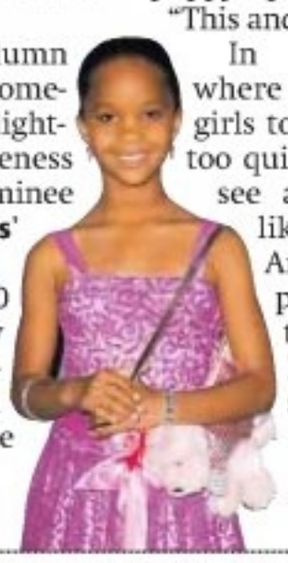
Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Quvenzhane Wallis' puppy purses make a splash on red carpet

It's a very slow gossip day and, honestly, if I have to write one more thing about the feud between **Brandi Glanville** and **LeAnn Rimes**, I'm going to pack up my things and move to Vermont where I will spend the rest of my days raising cattle and never reading another Us Weekly ever again. Or raising Budweiser Clydesdales. Whichever.

So, today's column will be about something worth highlighting: the awesomeness that is Oscar nominee **Quvenzhane Wallis'** puppy purses.



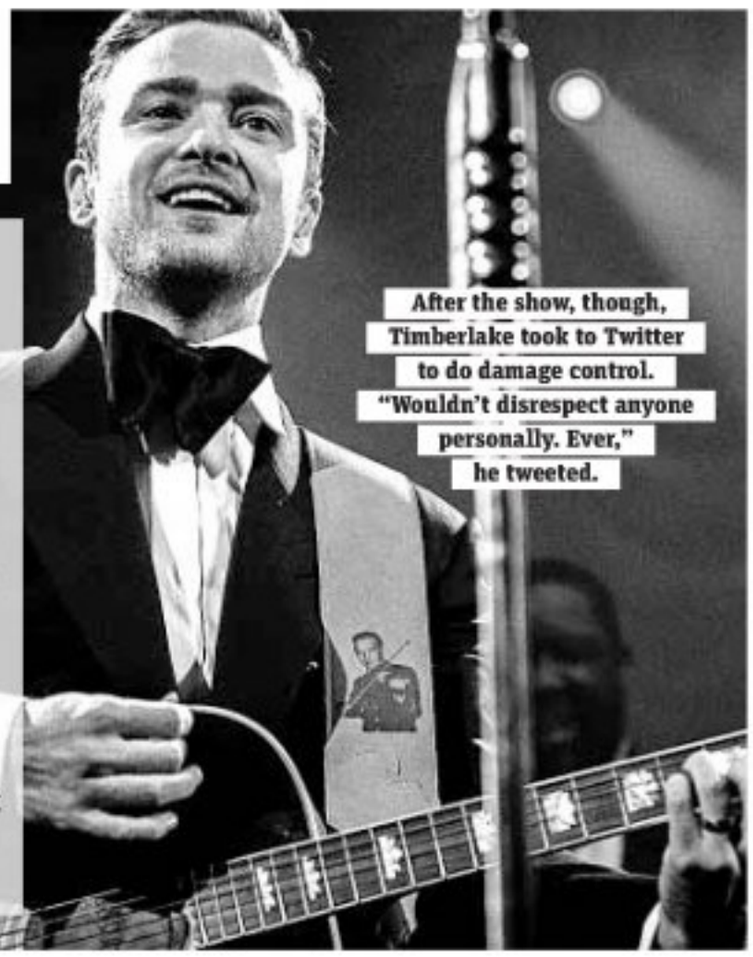
Wallis owns 20 of the purses — by Poochie & Co. — and they've been a mainstay on the red carpet for the 9-year-old actress. "That's my signature," she told **Ellen DeGeneres** on "Ellen," about always rocking the accessory. And yes, expect to see one pop up (pup up?) at the Oscars. When asked by **Jay Leno** on "The Tonight Show" who she'll be taking to the award's ceremony, she held up her puppy purse and said, "This and my mom."

In Hollywood, where we force our girls to grow up much too quickly, it's nice to see a little girl act like a little girl. And carry a mass-produced purse that looks like a little dog instead of, you know, Gucci.

Meet the hot, new Hollywood meet-up: Jesus

Apparently the hottest new Hollywood hang-out isn't a nightclub, but a bible study group — which **Selena Gomez**, **Vanessa Hudgens** and "90210" star **Matt Lanter** have reportedly been attending, according to Us Weekly. Gomez has even brought ex-boyfriend **Justin Bieber** to the group, which meets monthly. "Justin's come in before, and his mom, **Pattie**, is a regular," a source says. The group is reportedly organized by E! correspondent **Jason Kennedy**. I am so jaded, but I totally think this is a front for smoking weed in the name of Jesus.

Talking points



After the show, though, Timberlake took to Twitter to do damage control. "Wouldn't disrespect anyone personally. Ever," he tweeted.

Timberlake: No disrespect!

Justin Timberlake insists that he didn't disrespect ex-girlfriend **Britney Spears**, despite reports to the contrary, according to Us Weekly. At Timberlake's recent live show, he kicked off "Cry Me a River" — his breakup anthem written after his split from Spears — by telling the crowd, "Sometimes in life, you think you found the one. But then one day you find out that she is just some bitch."

DiCaprio's new young thing

It looks like things are heating up between **Leonardo DiCaprio** and his "Wolf of Wall Street" co-star **Margot Robbie**. DiCaprio and the 22-year-old Australian actress were spotted getting cozy on the balcony of his suite at a Miami hotel before heading out to play in the surf with **Jonah Hill**, **Lukas Haas** and several women, according to E! News.

Hurley's Audi has been found

Elizabeth Hurley can call off the search for her missing Audi, as the sedan has reportedly resurfaced — plastered with parking tickets — in the same neighborhood where it went missing last week, according to the Daily Mail. Hurley reported the car stolen last week after it went missing while she was on a shopping excursion.

Trump sues Maher for $5M

Donald Trump is suing **Bill Maher** for $5 million over a charity wager, according to E! News. Maher reportedly agreed to donate that amount to charity if Trump could prove — by producing a birth certificate — that he was not the child of an orangutan. Maher made the offer during a visit to the "Tonight" show after Trump infamously made a similar $5 million charity donation offer to **Barack Obama** that was widely criticized.

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Shia LaBeouf has finally joined Twitter, Josh Radnor is trying to maintain his image, Steven Soderbergh is feeling left out and Sarah Silverman missed the Super Bowl.

@ShiaLaBeouf
how are you guys doing?

@JoshRadnor
Pretending like I don't like 'Peter, Paul, & Mary' is exhausting.

@Bitchuation
When there is a sign posted in a bar that says WE ID ALL GUESTS and they don't ID you, is that bad?

@SarahKSilverman
Oh Jesus I just woke up did Beyonce win?

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Bombshell alert! Jennifer Lawrence looked ravishing at The Hollywood Reporter Nominees Night 2013 Celebrating the 85th annual Academy Award nominees in Beverly Hills on Monday.

TomKat, is that you?

1. Nope, it's **Bruce Willis** and wife **Emma** in a passionate pose at the German premiere of his latest "Die Hard." In German, the film's title is "Die Hard - Ein Guter Tag Zum Sterben," which we're pretty sure translates to "Die Hard: We'll Keep Making Them Until You Stop Seeing Them."

2. Still lookin' good, Lizzy! **Queen Elizabeth II** arrived for the opening of a new MRI unit at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday in Norfolk.

3. Shakira's boyfriend, **Gerard Pique**, introduced their newborn, **Milan**, who was born in Barcelona on Jan. 22.

4. Geri Halliwell arrived for the Viva Forever Afternoon Tea Launch yesterday in London.

5. Benicio Del Toro was spotted at France's Roissy Airport on Tuesday.

7. Melissa McCarthy gave a hand to her fans at the "Identity Theft" premiere in California on Monday.

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Rob Corddry: The beastie bestie

He doesn't have a problem with playing the best friend character, especially if that character happens to be dead What you can expect in the upcoming season of 'Childrens Hospital'

Rob Corddry is more than happy playing the best friend in romantic comedies, especially if it involves being a flesh-eating zombie. For "Warm Bodies," he takes on the task of dispensing romantic advice to his lovelorn pal (Nicholas Hoult) without the help of verbal communication.

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▶ Rob Corddry stars in "Warm Bodies," which is in theaters now.

The best friend character is familiar in rom-coms. How different is it when you only have four or five words of dialogue in the whole movie?

Before I auditioned for this, somebody said, "Are you sick of playing best friends all the time?" And I was like, "No." I wouldn't play the same one over and over again, but I would play shades of that stock character for the rest of my life. Because it's got everything, you know what I mean? You're often the comic relief, you have your own moments — usually, in good ones, in good stories — you have your own either comeuppance or realization. But this one is like, it doesn't get much of a different shade of that character than this.

Your bar "conversation" with Nicholas' character, with no words, was great. I think I've seen improv exercises like that.

Oh God. Yeah, I've suffered through some myself. This sounds like a brag, but it's very funny, actually. I pitched that conversation taking place at an airport bar, and [director] Jonathan [Levine] was like, "That's actually a good idea." We were at dinner or something and he got on the phone. I'd forgotten about it, and then about 10 minutes later he goes, "They're going to see if they can build the airport bar. I like that idea. By the way, that's a $25,000 idea." [Laughs] You just cost the production $25,000 with this whim!

How much of a challenge is improvising without the use of words?

I didn't find it a different challenge. Improv should only be a tool and not something that you abuse willy-nilly. Because if you're doing a script, it's because you really like the script and you like the words — and it's not yours to, like, make better somehow.

At the end of last season on "Childrens Hospital," you killed off your character, Blake, as well as Cutter Spindell, the actor who plays him. Are you going to be in the new season?

Thank you so much for asking that. I thought no one was paying attention whatsoever. I am in it. My character returns the first episode, we've already shot it. Blake will be in the season, and he is played by Cutter's twin brother, Rory. Not as autistic as Cutter is, and I think he has hair.

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Keeping busy on TV

Corddry still has plenty of work on the small screen to keep him occupied. After getting his start on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," Corddry has had memorable recurring guest spots on "Arrested Development," "Community" and "Happy Endings." And his own creation, the twisted comic soap opera, "Childrens Hospital," is set to premiere its fifth season this year on Adult Swim.

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Once the dominating force in the world of gaming, Japanese publishers are still turning out high-quality product 'Fire Emblem: Awakening' and 'Ni No Kuni' offer immersive experiences

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"Ni No Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch" lets you feel as though you're directing your own movie.

It wasn't so long ago that games created in Japan were the only games that mattered. Nowadays, for better or for worse, it is the West that rules the gaming goose. Japan still has a few tricks up its digital sleeve, however.

Here are reviews of some recently released gems that come straight from the land of the rising sun.

'Fire Emblem: Awakening'

Console: Nintendo 3DS
Publisher: Nintendo
Rating: ●●●●◐

In Japan, the strategy RPG is king. These games take some tropes of turn-based RPGs and mix them with lengthy, complicated battles. The end result resembles something more like chess than video games. This genre can be horribly frustrating, but it's extremely addictive once you know the ropes.

"Fire Emblem: Awakening" is the newest entry in the SRPG canon, and it's a doozy. It features an engrossing story, complete with voice acting and a quest that could take dozens of hours to complete. It's also hard as nails. For instance, when a character dies in battle they are gone forever. You may throw your 3DS against the wall, but you'll have a good time doing it.

'Ni No Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch'

Console: PS3
Publisher: NAMCO Bandai
Rating: ●●●●●

Hayao Miyazaki and his Studio Ghibli animation studio are best known for feature-length movies like "Spirited Away" and, most recently, "Arrietty." However, for years now the company has been slaving away on a video game. The fruits of their labor, "Ni No Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch," is as beautiful and whimsical as any of their films.

At its heart, Ni No Kuni is a JRPG. This means you explore a world as you fight enemies and collect new items and weapons. Thanks to some innovative design choices, like a real-time battle system, it is a great deal more than that. This game must be seen to be believed. It truly does feel like you are controlling an animated feature.

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Bocelli sets the mood for 'Passione'

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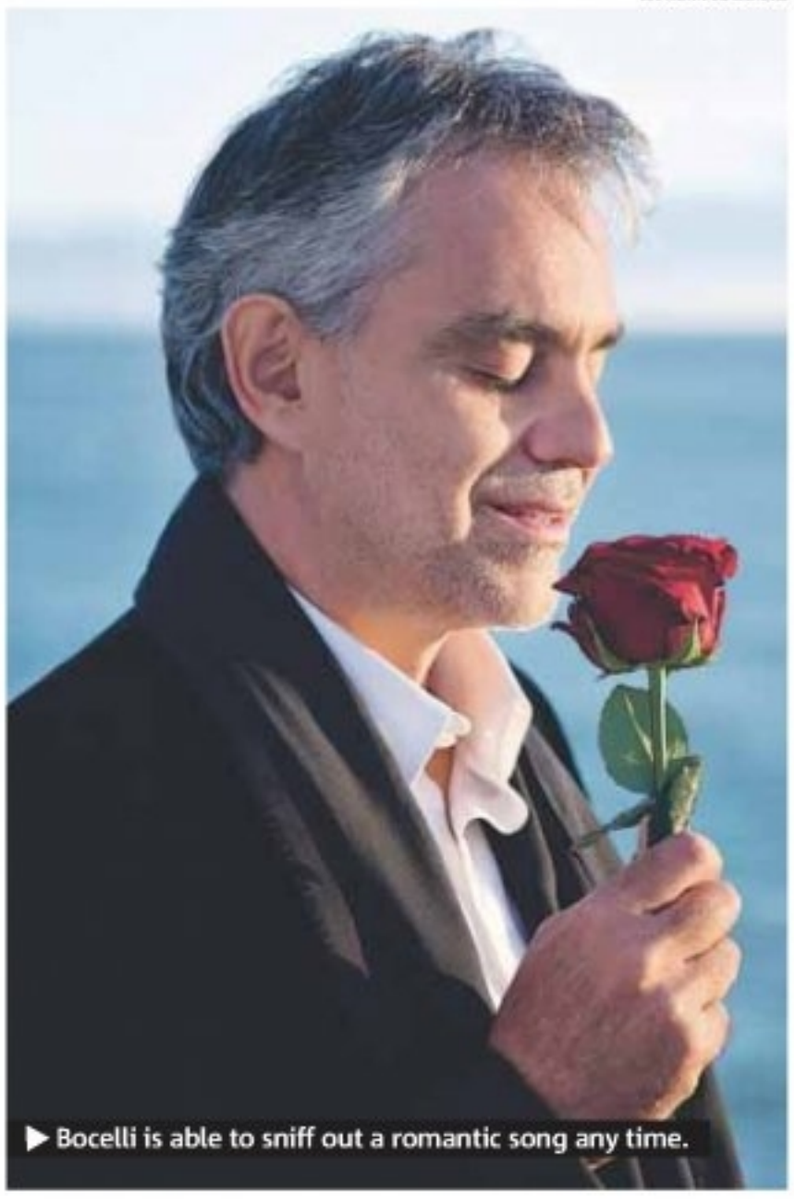

▶ Bocelli is able to sniff out a romantic song any time.

Legendary opera singer on romantic music and reconnecting with the songs he used to play in piano bars as a young man

With his latest album, "Passione," Andrea Bocelli has put together a collection of love songs from the Mediterranean, most of which he sang in piano bars during his formative (read: not yet famous) years in Italy.

The songs on this album seem easier to sing.
It's easy for me, but the difficulty is in the expression that you have to put in these kinds of songs, because the original interpreters of these songs are the best singers of the world. So I have to be very careful to put all my heart into the interpretations.

Tell me about when you used to play these songs in piano bars.
I began to sing pop music when I was 18 years old, more or less. … Before, I sang and listened to only opera, because my passion is for that. But when I began to play in the piano bars, I discovered wonderful pages of music — of pop music. In a few months, I learned many songs, and I began to learn the most important and famous songs of the world like "Strangers in the Night," [and] a Latin repertoire [with songs] like "Corcovado" or "Garota de Ipanema," all the songs that I put now in these albums, because every song on this album is a beautiful memory of my youth. … It was like plunging back into the past. It was very romantic.

Speaking of romance, what do you play when you're in the mood? Is it ever your own music?
Most often, I listen to opera music.

You do a duet of sorts with Edith Piaf. She died when you were about 8 years old. Tell me about your connection with her.
When I was a boy, I didn't know anything about Edith Piaf. … But I did hear her voice, and … it hit me deeply from the very first time that I heard it. … And then of course, years later I actually learned more about her life … and I realized that since she had some varied and very deep experiences in her life, this definitely must have helped her in becoming so expressive with her music.

Do you pull from experiences to be more expressive?
Absolutely, yes. … Each one of us sings what we are. And therefore we express through our voice what cannot be expressed through words alone.

Q&A

Tell me about this album's duets with Nelly Furtado and Jennifer Lopez.
Those were mostly ideas that David Foster suggested. And for me, they were both beautiful surprises. … They really are very expressive when they sing.

Not just because of those guest stars, but there seems to be a real Latin flair on this album.
The Latin world is rich of great masterpieces. And after the great success that my previous album, "Amore," had in the Latin world that was basically a collection of Latin songs, we thought it would be right to try to connect with that vibe.

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TV watch list

Keri Russell stars as in "The Americans."

'The Americans'

DRAMA. Philip and Elizabeth must rise to the task of planting a bug on the American Defense Secretary in this Reagan-era drama about Soviet KGB agents posing as a suburban American family. **10 p.m., FX**

'Modern Family'

COMEDY. Cam's production of "Phantom of the Opera" is nearly derailed by the illness of its lead, and Manny tries to usurp the gig. Meanwhile, the other characters get into wacky conflicts and emerge all the wiser with renewed perspective on family and love. Or so we assume. **9 p.m., ABC**

'Toddlers and Tiaras'

REALITY. This can't-look-away reality program documents kiddy pageants in all their glittery sleaze. First prize is a crown — and validation for stage parents grieving their own failed modeling careers. **Season finale, 9 p.m., TLC**

'Washington Heights'

REALITY. Follow the lives of residents of the vibrant upper-Manhattan neighborhood-in-transition as they struggle to become writers and artists. **10 p.m., MTV**

'Love You, Mean It with Whitney Cummings'

TALK SHOW. Veteran stand-up, writer and star of her own sitcom Whitney Cummings gabs and jokes with a variety of guests. **10:30 p.m., E!**

NATALIE SHURE

Aesop's troubles

The fabled rapper speaks on trying to return to the stage, but having a rough start with a hurricane and a broken rib

First it was Hurricane Sandy, then a broken rib. Arthouse rapper and producer Aesop Rock's return to touring after a considerable hiatus got off to a bumpy start with seven shows canceled (albeit now rescheduled).

"Canceling is a terrible feeling," says the rapper whose real name is Ian Bavitz. "The Sandy situation was like, we were driving, we were getting calls. Everyone from promoters to agents to managers to venues were feeling sketchy; at that time everything on the news was speaking of a biblical event. It was a bad place, bad time and we weren't left with much of a choice. Then this rib thing is just annoying. It's a medical emergency so there's not much I can do, but that doesn't make it feel any better."

You know him as Aesop Rock, but he also goes by Ian Bavitz.

CHRISSY PIPER

The tour is for the broody indie-rapper/producer's first album in five years, "Skelethon," which features ex-Moldy Peaches' Kimya Dawson among its contributors. While the Aesop Rock moniker rested, however, Bavitz was busy with several projects under different names.

"There's never much of a time when my actual workload slows. I like doing music and attempting to be creative in general, so if something comes up and seems interesting, I go for it. Anything I do outside of Aesop Rock is more fuel for the fire when I get back to my solo stuff, which I always inevitably do."

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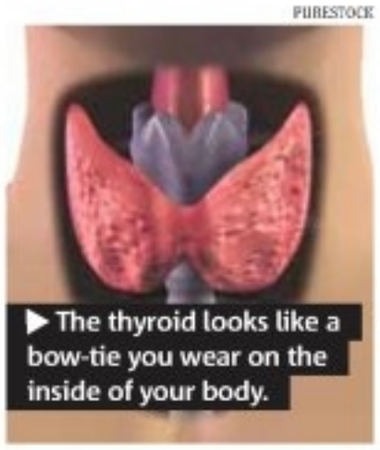

▶ The thyroid looks like a bow-tie you wear on the inside of your body.

Those peculiar symptoms of yours might be tied to a thyroid that isn't working properly

The thyroid is a gland that sits at the front of the neck, quietly going about its business of producing thyroid hormone, which mostly regulates metabolism. Thyroid disease tends not make as dramatic a subject as, say, that of the heart or lungs, but it is as important as any other body part in maintaining well-being. We asked Brigham and Women's Hospital endocrinologist Dr. Erik Alexander to fill us in on this tiny little powerhouse.

What are the signs that something might be wrong with your thyroid gland?
Symptoms for hyperthyroidism, which is the overactive thyroid condition, include being warmer, tremors and heart palpitations. With hypothyroidism, which is an underactive gland, usually the body is colder; you have feelings of exhaustion and weight gain.

How can we keep it healthy?
If we consume a healthy diet, that usually includes an adequate amount of iodine, which regulates the thyroid. When you see your physician for your annual check-up, always make sure that they examine the neck and thyroid area. This is most important. Thyroid [problems are] easily treated.

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Pregnant? Tell your doctor

Dr. Alexander advises women who have hypothyroidism and who are thinking about becoming pregnant, or who have found out that they are pregnant, to inform their doctor immediately. "This is very important. The amount of thyroid supplement has to be carefully regulated, and it can be dangerous to a baby."

Today in medicine

How snack portions size up

Location of study: U.S./Netherlands
Study subjects: 104 adults
Results: A new study co-authored by researchers at Cornell University found that eating smaller portions of commonly craved snacks is equally as satisfying as eating a larger portion. Study subjects who ate a larger portions of snacks consumed 77 percent more calories, but their cravings abated after 15 minutes, just like the group that ate a smaller portion.
Significance: Eating a small portion and waiting 15 minutes allows for the brain and stomach to register satiety. Researchers concluded that eating for pleasure rather than hunger is not controlled by satiety, but by availability.

Guys: Step away from the tube

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▶ Twenty or more hours of TV a week could hurt your swimmers.

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 189 men, ages 18-22
Results: A study published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that healthy young men who watched television, DVDs or videos for 20 hours or more each week had a 44 percent lower sperm count compared to men who watched very little or no TV. The study also found that men who spent 15 or more hours each week engaged in moderate to vigorous exercise had a 73 percent higher sperm counts compared to men who engaged in very little exercise.
Significance: Scientists are studying why semen quality has deteriorated over the past few decades. An increasingly sedentary lifestyle might be a contributory factor.

A better option for sick kids?

Location of study: India
Study subjects: 50 febrile and 50 afebrile children aged 2-12 years
Results: A report published by "Pediatric Emergency Care" found that temporal artery thermometers (which tell temperature with a swipe across the forehead) had comparable accuracy to rectal thermometers in determining core body temperature. The results were confirmed in patients with or without a high temperature.
Significance: Using temporal artery thermometers is faster and cuts the risk of cross contamination that exists when rectal thermometers are used. The study shows that they have the potential to replace rectal thermometers in emergency room settings. LINDA CLARKE

Is it halting your weight loss?

Dr. Ridha Arem, author of "The Thyroid Solution Diet," shares his insight.

"One of the most common hormonal imbalances that can make you gain weight and have trouble losing weight is thyroid hormone imbalance because thyroid hormone is the master hormone that regulates metabolism. Even low-grade underactive thyroid with normal or slightly abnormal thyroid tests can promote weight gain and difficulty losing weight. But even if your weight has been caused by other reasons than the thyroid, people end up having inefficiency of thyroid hormone in their body — perpetuating weight gain by slowing metabolism further and causing trouble losing weight. To make your weight loss efforts successful, you always need to consider the thyroid."

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How to stay safe during winter runs

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▶ Multiple layers are key for any run you tackle outdoors this winter.

The question: I'm a runner. How can I safely exercise outdoors in the bitter cold?

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An outdoor workout on a cold day has its benefits, especially when gyms are filled with coughing, sneezing patrons and may be a source of contagious colds and flus. But it also has its hazards:

Frostbite

Exposed skin and extremities are susceptible to injury from the cold air, as the circulatory system diverts warm blood away from cold skin in order to keep your core temperature constant. Skin may be red or blanched skin prior to developing frostbite, in which the exposed skin actually freezes and ice crystals damage body tissue.

Nose, ears, lips, fingers and toes are particularly sensitive areas and should be covered and insulated when exercising in less than 40 degree weather, and even more so when it is below freezing or windy. Warm hats, scarves, face masks, mittens (which are better than gloves because your fingers keep each other warm) and wool socks should all be a part of your winter fitness wardrobe. You might also consider hand warmers for inside your gloves. Because of the risk of frostbite, never exercise outdoors with exposed arms or legs for more than a few minutes on below-freezing days.

Symptoms of frostbite include: pale, waxy-looking skin that does not change color with pressure; blisters; numbness; and localized swelling. If you think you may have frostbite, get inside and seek emergency medical attention.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is an inability of the body to generate sufficient heat to maintain a normal core temperature (98.6˚ F), or the loss of too much body heat to the external environment. It doesn't need to be freezing outside for you to become hypothermic. Wind draws heat away from your body even faster, and so susceptibility to hypothermia is greater on windy days. Initial symptoms of hypothermia include: rapid heartbeat and breathing, shivering, fatigue, dizziness and joint stiffness. As symptoms progress, you may experience confusion, impaired judgment or slurred speech.

If you exercise outdoors in the cold, wear multiple layers of clothing. Perspiration can cause your clothes to become wet, so strip off layers as you warm up. Evaporation from wet clothing can cause even faster loss of body heat, and makes the risk of hypothermia greater. Also, stay well hydrated. The cardiovascular system is under stress in cold weather, so fill up your tank before you go out. Finally, if you have any medical conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, asthma or bronchitis, it is probably better to exercise indoors.

*— **Mark Melrose**, DO, is a board-certified emergency physician at Urgent Care Manhattan. E-mail him your questions at **askdrmark@metro.us**.*

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Want to know just how the superstar gets those amazing arms and abs? We went straight to the source: Her personal trainer, Nicole Winhoffer

Madonna might have access to the best in diet and fitness, but she still believes in a good, old-fashioned workout to keep her body chiseled. We got our hands on a few of the moves she does to keep a fit bod — and they're all totally doable.

Tricep lateral shave

Gets rid of back fat and bulge over the sides of a tank top or bra

With feet hip-width apart, bend your knees and lower to a flat back with your stomach engaged. Grip a towel lengthwise behind the back. With palms down, raise the towel away from your butt about four inches. Your triceps should be fired, shoulders rolled back, neck long. This is the starting position. Your arms will be moving laterally, continually keeping tension between the towel. Reach the towel to the left while transferring weight to the left. Then reach the towel to the right, transferring the weight to the right leg. Reach the towel to the left again, and pulse in this position two times. This equals one rep. Repeat on the other side. You want to feel the resistance and the burn throughout the entire exercise. Repeat 16 times.

Single-leg knee pull

Works low abs, hips and butt

On a slippery hardwood or tile floor, place the ball of your left foot on top of a neatly folded towel. Crouch down and place your hands firmly on the floor. Cross the right leg behind the left and transfer weight evenly between upper body and left leg. Shoot the left leg back so it's extended straight and your body is in a plank position. Draw the knee back to the beginning position. This is one rep. Your glutes, thighs and abs should be tightened and engaged the entire time. Do 24 reps with one leg and then repeat with the other.

"Madonna and I do this move almost every other day," Winhoffer says of the kick-out, shown here. See more photos at www.metro.us.

"Madonna is the most disciplined client that I have ever met," says Winhoffer (above left).

Kick-out with towel between feet

Works lower abs and inner thighs

Sit on the ground and place your towel between the inner soles of your feet, keeping knees bent. Lift feet off the ground and place your hands behind you for support. Extend your feet straight out in front of you, squeezing your inner thighs to keep the towel from falling. As you extend, you will slightly bend arms behind you. Draw feet back in to the starting position. This is one rep. Repeat 32 times.

Turned-out towel runs

Works lower abs, obliques, inner thighs, butt and hips

Fold two hand towels into perfect squares and step the balls of your feet firmly on top (one on each square). Squat down and place your hands in front of you, shoulder-width apart, with weight equally distributed between hands and feet. Draw the right leg straight back, turning the knee out to the corner of the room. Switch legs in a fast pace. This is one rep. Do three sets of 15 reps, resting for eight counts between each set.

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Learn more

These moves are all part of Winhoffer's "Addicted to Sweat" four-part DVD series, co-created by Madonna.

More on Madge

What she listens to when she works out

"Music is key to our workouts," Winhoffer says. "We listen to a wide range: R&B, rap, techno, electro, remix playlists by Offer Nissim and DJ Misha Skye — anything that has a great bass and beat."

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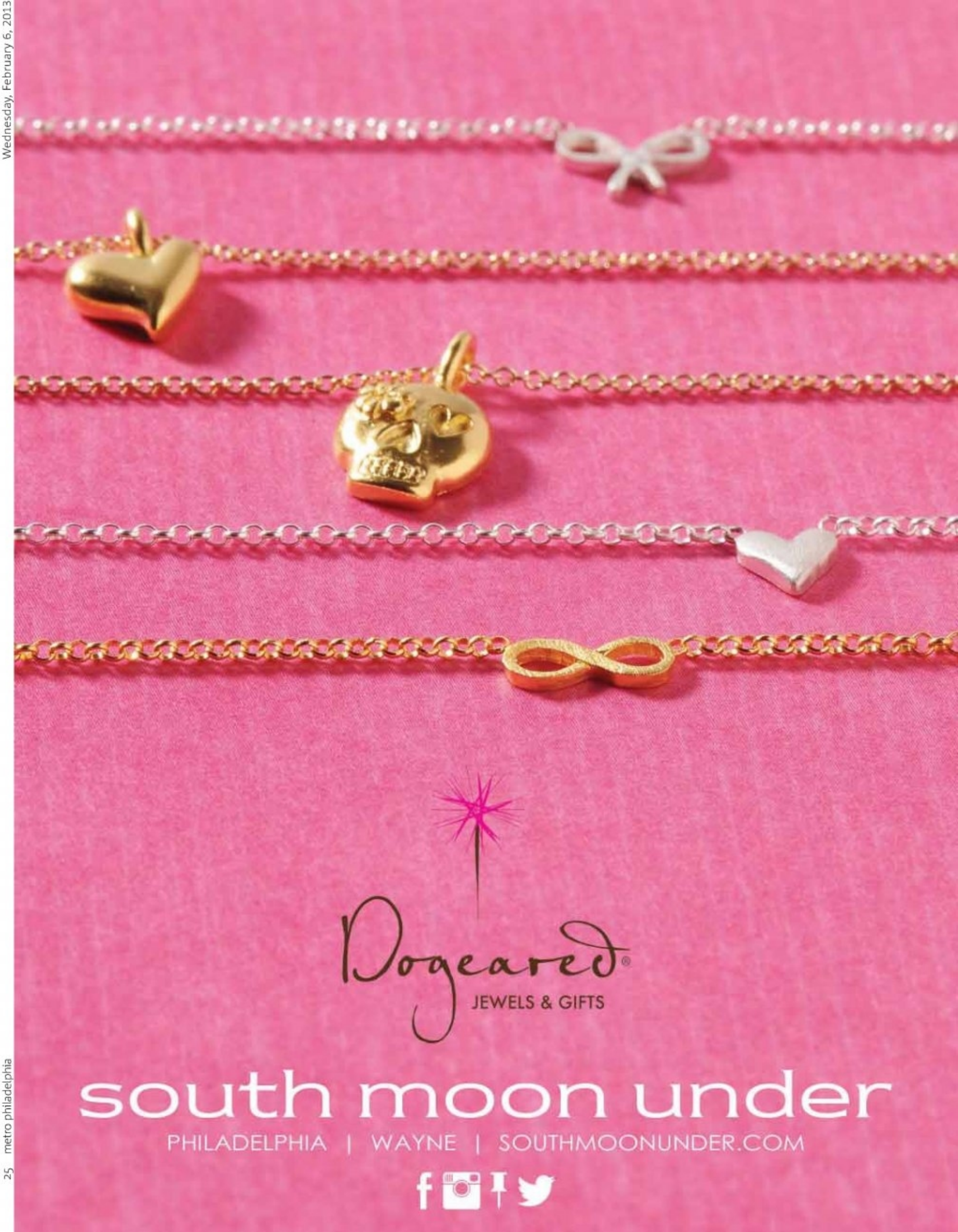

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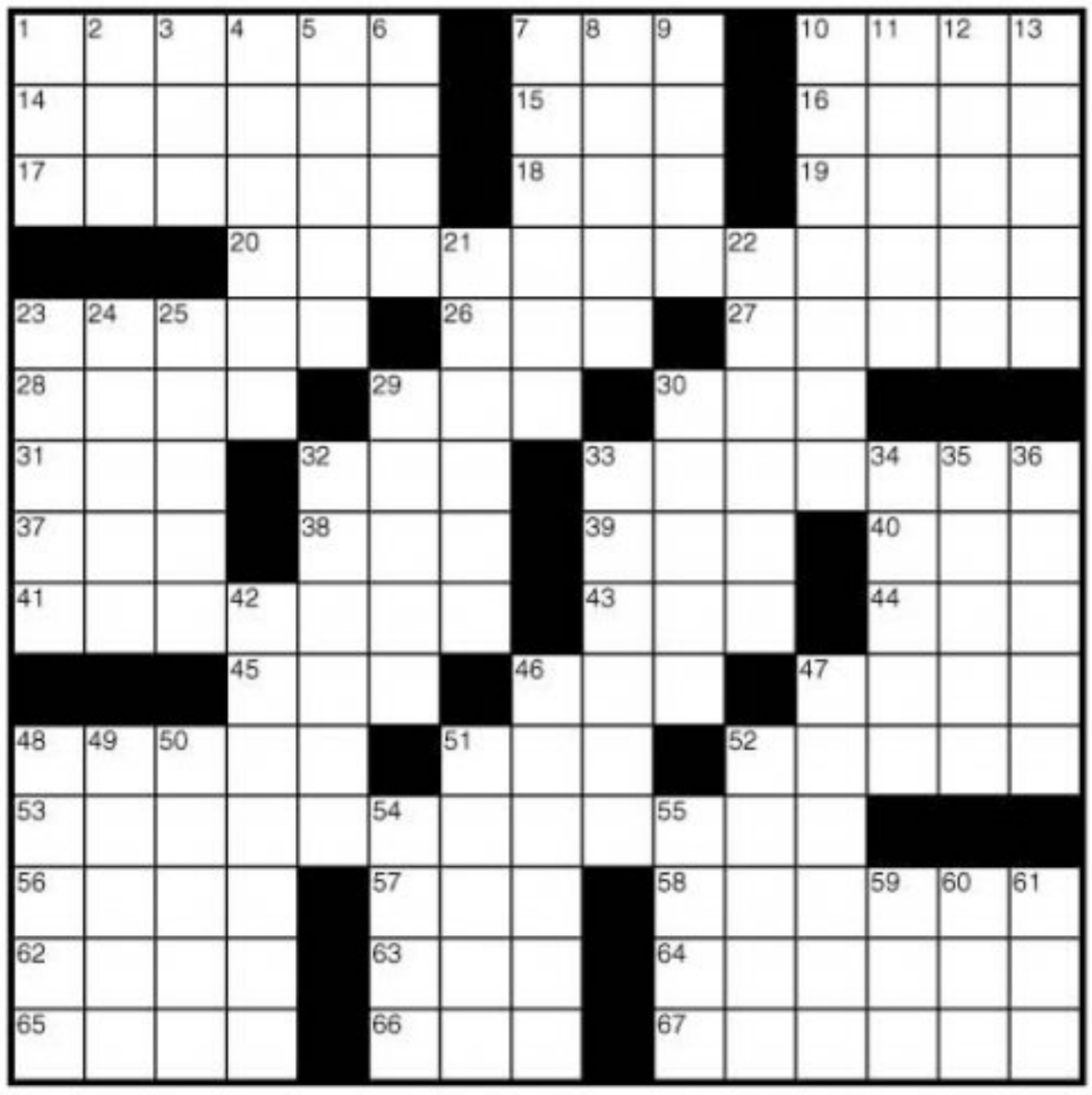

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♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Those with whom you have commercial involvements will quickly judge you to be fair and equitable. The example you set will be emulated by them.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Any new venture that you undertake will have very high chances of success. There could be three such projects working out to your satisfaction.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You couldn't avoid the spotlight if you tried, so don't fight it. There is no need to get stage fright; the audience is packed with your friends.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When you decide to promote a new idea, issue or cause, you can become an especially good salesperson, especially if you truly believe in what you're doing.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Knowing that you will be better playing a supportive role, you'll happily leave primary management of a project in the hands of someone in whom you have great faith. Good for you.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Willingly making adjustments that another wants could turn out to be an advantageous maneuver, and you know it. Your situation will improve as a result.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Becoming a champion of lost causes might be the best thing you can do. It'll give you an opportunity to resurrect something really important that needs to be done.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Bonds can now be established with someone whom you've always liked but have never been able to get close to in the past. She or he will be exceptionally receptive to your overtures.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Being in an exceptionally artistic and creative cycle makes this an excellent day to try your hand at beautifying your living surroundings. You can use this gift for commercial purposes as well.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There are many strong indications that you could derive some unusual benefits from an involvement with a number of pronounced elements of chance. Take your chances.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** More often than not, it's important to prime the pump to get things flowing. For example: If you're desirous of financial gains, an investment on your part might be required.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be grateful for what is new and different in your life, because it will be a harbinger of things to come, helping you approach the future with hope and expectation.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

Letters

Guns are deterrent as well as weapon

RE: "AMERICANS USED TO AGREE THAT FREEDOM TO OWN GUNS DIDN'T PRECLUDE SAFETY" (METRO, FEB. 5) Letter writer Paul Simon's letter effectively argues the government has the right to further regulate the sale of assault weapons. However, he erroneously claims these weapons only exist for the purpose of committing violent acts. America maintains nuclear stockpile not because we seek to set out and destroy the entire civilized world. We maintain it as a deterrent to prevent aggression from others. Assault weapons served citizens as a deterrent from violence and looting in days following Katrina when no government was around to provide protection.

CHRIS SAVOIE, VIA E-MAIL

Don't shoot your mouth off unless you know all the terms

RE: "OBAMA'S GUN CONTROL PUSH GOES TO MIDWEST" (METRO, FEB. 5) The picture in Feb. 5 Metro is a perfect illustration of the ignorance and misinformation being spread by the Obama administration, the MSM and the anti-gun folks. Private ownership of military weapons is already tightly regulated and has been for many years. The letters further spread that misinformation. In 47 years of shooting, I never seen "cop-killer bullets." The term "assault weapons" didn't exist prior to 1989 and is a term invented by anti-gun publicists. Both letters mention "need." It is not up to the government to determine what I need, and contrary to what the antis would have you believe, the Second Amendment has nothing to do with hunting, and the citizens of that period owned "military weapons." The firearms that are the hot topic of debate may be alike in appearance, but are not military weapons. They do not fire at the same rate (semi-auto vs. full-auto), nor do they have select-fire capability. Features such as an adjustable stock, which allows the gun to fit shooters of different sizes, grips and other cosmetic features, make these firearms no more lethal.

MOE PRIELL, VIA E-MAIL

▶ The photo in question

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Small movers, big shakers? Phils hoping new strategy gets them back to playoffs

Under-the-radar signings fueling Phils in 2013 NL scout applauds Amaro for avoiding long-term deals Young, Revere very affordable outfield options

Charlie Manuel talked about making the jump to small ball without Ryan Howard and Chase Utley for the first half of last season. During the offseason, Ruben Amaro Jr. made the adjustment to small moves, at least compared to what the Phillies GM has done in the past.

The Nationals and Braves each made big splashes. Did Amaro make the right move by not going after flawed, high-priced items, such as B.J. Upton and Josh Hamilton?

"I think he did," a National League scout said.

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▶ Young will play right field.

"If you get tied up with the wrong guy for years, your team could end up in really bad shape."

Add that to the potential albatross of expensive commitments to such aging stars as Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins, and the result in 2015 might not be pretty.

It might not have been all that sexy, but the Phillies picked up a young, speedy center fielder in Ben Revere, who is under control through the 2017 season. They also acquired Michael Young to replace Placido Polanco at third for a one-year deal in which they pay only $6 million to the former All-Star. Gifted but enigmatic hitter Delmon Young will play right and earn just $750,000 for the 2013 season.

John Lannan signed a one-year, $2.5 million deal to be the fifth starter. Mike Adams, the biggest splash of the offseason, inked a two-year, $12 million contract to set up for Jonathan Papelbon.

"Low risk, high reward can be a good way to go," the NL scout said. "Can Delmon Young approximate the numbers B.J. Upton can? It's certainly a possibility. If it doesn't work out, you're not married to Delmon Young.

"Some teams have won by making the smaller moves. Will the Phillies be one of them? Maybe. We'll just have to see how things go, starting in spring training."

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Big splashes, big flops

▶ Bay

1 Alex Rodriguez isn't hitting A-Bombs anymore in NYC. Part of the reason the Yanks aren't free spenders these days is due to the $114 million they owe A-Rod, which will inspire many Bronx cheers in the house that greed built.

2 The Mets, who have done little right in recent years, paid dearly for little production from Jason Bay. He made the Phillies' John Mayberry look like an All-Star.

3 The Carl Crawford deal with the Red Sox ($142 million) for a good (not great) player was part of Boston's downward spiral.

Little moves, big results

1 Nobody has to tell Phillies fans what Cody Ross meant to the Giants in 2010. Ross single-handedly led the Giants past the Phillies and to a World Series parade.

2 Jamie Moyer was acquired for next to nothing when Pat Gillick sent a pair of prospects to the Mariners for the pride of Souderton. Moyer helped lead the Phillies to the holy grail in 2008.

3 The Giants won two of the last three titles thanks to significant under-the-radar deals. The acquisition of Marco Scutaro enabled the Giants to win it all last season.

▶ Ross

Eagles analysis: Will Vick be back as Kelly's starter?

Let's start this debate with an opinion: Mike Vick will be on the Eagles' roster after this weekend.

Despite a Feb. 6 deadline — if Vick is on the team past that date, then the Eagles have to pay him $3 million — Chip Kelly wants to do all his due diligence. And if they cut him after Feb. 6, the team that picks him up would pay that $3 million.

The Eagles wouldn't be breaking the bank by keeping Vick around a few more weeks and letting Kelly figure everything out, presumably after he announces a finalized coaching staff.

As with anything, there are pros and cons associated with keeping Vick. We take a look:

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▶ Vick is one of the biggest question marks of the offseason. His fate could be determined this afternoon.

▶ Pros

1. Tough competition
With Vick still on the roster, Nick Foles can't assume he is the starter. He'll have to prepare, mentally and physically, for a heated quarterback battle in training camp. Competition brings out the best in everyone, especially a second-year player trying to impress a new coach. Given Vick's experience and supreme confidence, we wouldn't bet against him.

2. The athleticism
No one is going to confuse this Vick, at 33 years old, with the one who used to break linebackers' ankles in his Atlanta days. However, Vick is a huge upgrade, in terms of his mobility, to Foles. This could be very intriguing for Kelly. The fact that Vick hasn't been cut yet is a clear sign the coach is thinking about just that.

3. Short list
There aren't many free agents or possible draft picks that could come in and make an immediate impact for the Eagles — unless you feel 49ers quarterback Alex Smith has some gas left, or if Kelly can transform Dennis Dixon, his former quarterback at Oregon, from a practice-squad player into an NFL starter in a few months. Or would the name Tim Tebow be on their radar?

▶ Cons

1. Cash money
The Eagles can take their time and let the process play out for now. But if Vick is still on the roster by June 1, they'll have to pay him the $15.5 million (unless he agrees to a restructured contract) that he's due for the season. That's a lot of loot to invest in a guy who hasn't shown much since 2010.

2. Foles' confidence
Foles hasn't been guaranteed anything, but Jeff Lurie did admit he'd like the kid to get a chance. By bringing Vick back, you would be admitting that you don't fully trust Foles to take the helm. Even if your intention is to motivate Foles, it sends a mixed message to the kid.

3. Broken Vick
Since performing like an MVP in 2010, Vick looks broken. He has 24 picks (six in 2010) and lost seven fumbles. Vick has trouble staying healthy, has been criticized for holding the ball too long and appears to be a step slower. Is Vick fixable? We're leaning toward no.

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No Super Bowl halftime show?

The NFL is considering not staging a halftime show at next year's Super Bowl due to cold weather, according to the New York Post.

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Young out three weeks with hamstring strain

Sixers forward diagnosed with grade-one strain ◗ Set to miss several weeks ◗ Relaxing, taking it day by day ◗ Sixers host Pacers

Thaddeus Young will miss at least three weeks after an MRI yesterday revealed a grade-one strain in his left hamstring. The Sixers forward was injured while diving for a loose ball in Monday's win. Young put on a good face for the media when asked about it.

"It felt like a rubber band kind of like snapping a little bit and going back in place," Young told reporters. "Like the doctor said, three weeks hopefully I will be back."

Young admitted that, after hearing it snap, he felt fortunate he wasn't out longer. While doctors haven't given an exact return date, they have estimated three to four weeks.

"I just thank God it wasn't more serious — could have been out two months," he said.

For now, Young said he'll ice it and relax. The NBA All-Star break (Feb. 15 to 17) will give him a few extra days to recover.

"Take it day by day, not going to rush it," Young said. "The good thing is we have the All-Star break coming up, and that's going to take a week of just relaxation and getting myself back into treatment."

The loss is a huge one for the Sixers. Young was enjoying a breakout season averaging 14.9 points and 7.4 rebounds in 35 minutes per game. The Sixers host the Indiana Pacers today (7 p.m., CSN).

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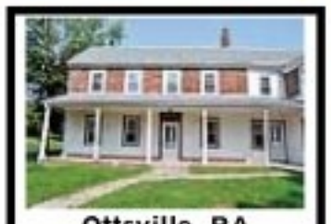

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The Granary includes underground parking, multiple roof decks, gym and doggie day care.

All of Pearl Properties' apartment buildings are fully occupied, so they're building more. The Sansom, currently under construction in Center City, is slated to open this summer, and the Granary, in the Art Museum district, should be ready about the same time.

"We just keep growing," says leasing manager Rita Madden. "These are both going to be great additions to the city."

The Sansom is, appropriately, on Sansom Street, between 16th and 17th on the site of a former parking lot (go back further and it was a strip of shops and restaurants). The new eight-story building will include 104 units, plus commercial space on the first floor.

What it won't have is any parking, for a simple reason: "there isn't space," Madden says, adding that with the central location and nearby garages, the lack of parking shouldn't be an issue.

The building will have all the standard new-construction amenities, such as a lounge and a fitness center, but if you want to take it up a notch, trade some of the convenience of the Sansom for the perks of the Granary. That one will include underground parking, multiple rooftop decks, a big gym with separate fitness studios, a clubroom with a full kitchen, a doggie day care and 20,000 square feet of retail space. Renters can choose from 227 apartments, some with balconies.

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▶ The mellow exposed brick is the perfect backdrop for a dramatic light fixture.

Living with exposed brick

Oftentimes homeowners are stumped when it comes to decorating with exposed brick walls Don't let this charming design feature crumble Here's how to make it work for you

Depending on how you style it, exposed brick can give your home either a modern, loft-like feel or channel a rustic and traditional vibe. We take a close look at three homes to see how their owners decorated around this unique design feature.

▶ For a modern look, keep the room in a monochromatic palette.

Tip 1

Exposed brick can make a beautiful backdrop for dramatic elements, as seen in the dining room of this loft. Here, the brick is paired with a horizontal mirror and a modern light fixture to create a stylish dining nook. The mirror adds depth and keeps the space bright and airy while enhancing the fixture's illumination.

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Tip 2

Exposed brick can complement a traditional or rustic aesthetic. The dusty eggshell blues and beiges of these walls, linens and rug pick up on the lovely tones natural to exposed brick. The understated floral theme of the rug and bedspread further accentuate the brick's earthiness and warmth.

▶ Earthy exposed brick complements a traditional aesthetic.

Tip 3

Create a clean, modern look with exposed brick by keeping the room in a monochrome palette. The cowhide recliner adds some punch to this room, but its color scheme keeps with the steely blacks, unfussy whites and cool grays. The exposed brick wall adds texture without detracting from the room's almost spartan aesthetic.

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